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LANSING CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ACCEPTS RESIGNATION IN LIEU OF TERMINATION

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The Kansas Department of Corrections confirmed today that the former corrections officer whose employment was terminated following the escape of John Manard from the Lansing Correctional Facility on Sunday, February 12, 2006 has been allowed to resign.

Following his termination of employment, the former officer appealed his termination to the Kansas Civil Service Board. A public hearing of his appeal had been scheduled for May 2, 2006. Following the filing of that appeal, the former officer submitted a request to the Department that he be allowed to resign rather than being terminated. The Department has approved that request. The former officer's appeal of the termination decision has been withdrawn.

Lansing Correctional Facility and the Kansas Department of Corrections were prepared to proceed with the case to the Kansas Civil Service Board. However, the former officer's offer to resign in lieu of termination and appeal achieves the goal of ensuring that his employment with the Department of Corrections is ended.